



Wages Going Up

By **KATIE TELLER**
News Editor

The lowest-paid employees at the University of Mary Washington will soon receive a raise.

President William Anderson has directed wage increases for the University's housekeepers and groundskeepers, following recommendations from an ad hoc committee on compensation issues to align UMW salaries with salaries for analogous jobs in Stafford County.

"I think that this is a very important step because it's a wage increase that a lot of people need," said Patrick McGowan, a member of the living wage committee, "but it's not a living wage."

The new starting salary will be \$9.18 an hour, a step up from \$8.72.

Originally, Anderson was holding off on raising salaries until the next fiscal budget was released in March by the General Assembly.

However, Governor Tim Kaine introduced a budget in late December,

which Rick Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, described as "very favorable for the University" and said there was "fairly solid support for the funding for higher education."

The University also is going to set into place a plan that will raise longtime groundskeepers' pay by reclassifying their jobs, and it will "provide further upward movement for current groundworkers who



Andrew Deon/Bullet file photo

Above: Students rallied for a living wage for classified employees in April 2005.

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Russell Howey/Bullet

Bluffin' It:

Seniors Tara Staab and Morgan Taylor play charity poker Saturday, Jan. 28. COAR and Giant held the event to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Police Arrest 3 In Laptop Case

By **STEPHANIE TAIT**
News Editor

Police arrested three suspects last week in connection with over \$35,000 of laptop thefts on campus.

Timothy Darr, a 23-year-old male; Theodore Allen, a 25-year-old; and a 14-year-old male, all residents of Fredericksburg, have been charged in connection with the theft of multimedia equipment from duPont Hall.

The first wave of thefts occurred Jan. 17 when 18 laptops were stolen from the department of information technologies room in duPont Hall. At the time of the theft, police said there were no suspects or witnesses.

Last week, Officer Wallace Janish was on patrol in duPont after 11 p.m. when he saw three male subjects run out of a room. Janish pursued the subjects

and was able to detain one male who then identified the two others.

The suspect acknowledged being in duPont earlier that evening around 8 p.m. and stealing more laptops and audio visual equipment, as well as having stolen laptops from duPont on Jan. 17.

Police have since recovered at least five of the stolen laptops from Fredericksburg, Stafford and Hanover Counties.

Allen and Darr were both charged with three counts each of breaking and entering and grand larceny along with four counts of reckless endangerment of a juvenile. The 14-year-old minor was charged with three counts each of breaking and entering and grand larceny.

Police have been unable to link these suspects with the rash of laptop thefts on campus last semester.

Campus To Vote On Honor Amendment

By **KATIE TELLER**
News Editor

Later this month, students will decide if honor violations will remain on their permanent academic records.

On Feb. 15, 16 and 17, an e-mail referendum will take place on both the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses of the University.

Currently, all honor violations remain on a student's record. The proposed amendment to the honor constitution will remove offenses that carried a penalty of social probation or community service.

Offenses that carried a penalty of academic probation would remain three years, and violations that were

sentenced with suspension or dismissal would remain permanently, according to a memorandum to Mary Washington's faculty senate.

After students vote, their vote will go to the board of visitors in April for final approval.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, the faculty senate voted down a motion that would encourage students and the board of visitors to block the passage of the amendment.

The motion failed, with nine opposed and 11 in favor.

Jason Davidson, assistant professor of political science, proposed the motion.

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Incoming Parking Lot Will Bump Practice Field



Emily Nicotera/Bullet

A bulldozer overlooks the Alumni Executive Center.

By **ELLEN FERRANTE**
Staff Writer

In order to ease the lack of parking, athletic teams will lose one of the few fields available for practice.

The practice field currently behind the Battlefield tennis courts will be replaced with a parking lot for various alumni and student athletic events.

While parking has been a major problem, student athletes will lose one of the few places on campus where they can practice during on-and-off seasons.

"The decision to construct a surface parking lot at the athletic complex was based on the growing need to provide parking not only for events at the AEC [Alumni Executive Center] but also for student parking and events at the athletic complex," said John Wiltenmuth III, associate vice president for facilities services.

The new lot will be sized for a little over 100 vehicles, providing more convenient accommodations for visitors, students and faculty.

Construction is planned to start next year, but no set date has been specified due to new

state procedures for approving small capital projects.

A major issue is where athletic teams will practice once the lot is constructed. Several on-and-off season teams use the field daily throughout the year, from late August through November and from January through April. Men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, field hockey and track are among the teams that practice on the field.

Senior Adam Castellani of the men's lacrosse team said he is "not really sure" where

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Cloudy

High: 63
Low: 42



FRIDAY
Showers

High: 62
Low: 38



SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 60
Low: 34



SUNDAY
Showers/snow

High: 47
Low: 26



MONDAY
Partly Cloudy

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UMW Student Facing Charges

By STEPHANIE TAIT
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Police arrested Joseph Young, a 23-year-old commuter student, and charged him with a class 1 misdemeanor of peeping into a dwelling.

Young is accused of peeping into a shower in the women's locker room of Goolrick Hall.

An 18-year-old female resident of Russell Hall reported to police that a male walked into

Student Sentenced To Six Months' Jail Time For Assault, Battery

By KATY BURNELL
Assistant News Editor

A former Mary Washington student who struck a fellow student in the head with a baseball bat at an off-campus party was recently sentenced to six months in jail.

Joseph Y. Fischer pleaded guilty to charges of malicious wounding and assault and battery stemming from an unprovoked attack he made on Benjamin James on Dec. 10, 2004, that left the victim unable to return to Mary Washington for the following semester.

James said he still feels the negative effects of the concussion he received when Fischer struck him repeatedly in the head with a bat during a party at Fischer's former residence in downtown Fredericksburg.

Although Fischer's six-month sentence falls over a year and a half short of the recommended state guidelines for felony convictions, Judge John W. Scott Jr. ordered the Timonium, Md., native to 10 years of intensive supervised probation in addition to jail time.

Fredericksburg police originally reported that the dispute between James and Fischer was sparked over a bag of potato chips, according to police spokesman Jim Shelhorse.

"Kids at the party told the officers that arrived on scene that Fischer was mad at someone for eating his chips," Shelhorse said.

Defense attorney Beverly Haney said the Doritos had nothing to do with the altercation.

Haney attributes Fischer's actions to a "break from reality" brought on by a combination of stress over final exams, lack of sleep, and the possible interaction of alcohol and medications that he had been prescribed for depression and ADHD.

Despite the fact that Fischer faces a cumulative total of six and a-half years in prison if he violates the terms of this intensive probation, Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Sharp told The Free Lance-Star that Scott's decision was "woefully inadequate."

Regional manager for probation and parole Vincent Combs said that criminals under intensive supervised probation are very closely monitored.

Combs, who is responsible for state prisoners in the Fredericksburg area said that under intensive probation Fischer will have to meet with a probation officer on a weekly basis, and possibly be subjected to drug testing in addition to sporadic check-ins by his probation officer at home, school, and at work.

Fischer, who spent his 21st birthday in nearby Rappahannock Regional Jail following his Jan. 17 sentencing hearing in Fredericksburg Circuit Court is also being held accountable for James' out-of-pocket medical expenses. He has paid the James family \$3,100 to date.



STEPH TAIT



KATIE TELLER

Tait Teller

Ask
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Newsies

What is that foul smell coming from the North end of campus? Seriously, it smells like something died.

It's really going to be OK.

We checked it out and there's actually a simple answer for the smell.

It's kind of funny, really.

Sewage.

That's right, you smell sewage.

Yum.

We ran your question by John Wiltenmuth, vice president for facilities services, and he told us that there's a sewer line that follows the creek running through campus.

But fear not.

Wiltenmuth stressed the fact that this was "sanitary sewage."

He went on to explain that sanitary sewers carry waste water from bathrooms, washing machines and other such facilities that are directed to the local waste water treatment facilities.

Oh, Well, all righty then.

Why can we smell the sewage?

In case you haven't noticed, there are at least four vents in the ground around the area in front of Goolrick and Jepson Halls.

Wiltenmuth said the vents in the manhole lids are intended to allow sewer gasses to escape.

Wind direction, speed and temperature variation between inside the pipes and outside all cause variation in the extent to which the odors are noticed.

So we guess if we were to think this through, it's actually all of our faults that we have the smell in the first place.

We wash our clothing.

(Well...some of us do. Teller doesn't very often, but Tait only wears her jeans once before they go in the washing machine. Blame Tait for the smell. But we digress.)

We eat food, which then runs its natural course. So until society can come to the point where we no longer have any need for washing machines and toilets, we're going to have to deal with the sweet smell of sewage on the north side of campus.

OK, we know, that's disgusting.

So here's the moment you've all been waiting for.

Bottom line: Hold your nose when you walk by.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bulletin's news editors.

Code May Change

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the transcript, we are saying that students can engage in certain level of cheating with very little negative ramifications," the motion said.

Davidson said while he was in favor of letting the students decide on the issue, it was appropriate to "express sentiments to the board of visitors and students."

The amendments were proposed by the Honor Constitution Review Committee, which formed in 2003.

Galen deGraff, a member of the committee and faculty senate member, said the new amendment was appropriate because there are five possible sanctions for an honor violation, but on the transcript, there is no distinction between sanctions.

"If a student fails to cite a sentence, that's one thing," deGraff said. "If he plagiarizes a paper, that's another."

DeGraff also serves as the convener of faculty advisers to the Honor Council.

Rosemary Barra, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of students,

also reported to the faculty senate where offices would be placed during renovation of Lee Hall, scheduled to begin this summer.

What Barra called the "meet-and-greet" part of the admissions department will move to Trinkle 106 A, currently a study room.

The rest of admissions will move to a temporary facility next to Hamlet House, and Vice President for Enrollment Martin Wilder's office will move into Hamlet House.

Another temporary facility will be set up in front of Westmoreland Hall, and this will house the health center, psychological service, the bookstore and Honor Council and Judicial Review Board offices.

Campus Police will move to Brent House and informational technology departments are currently looking for off-campus space.

Barra said one of the temporary facilities could stay for about 10 years, but both she and John Morello, associate vice president for academic affairs, said the facilities would not be unattractive.

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have been performing the higher level duties for some time," according to a campus-wide e-mail.

McGowan said he was skeptical about the way this would work—that evaluations may allow for "only so many people" to move up, whereas many of the groundsworkers have been at the University for several years.

The committee recommendations called for immediate adjustments, but Hurley said they will have following a review in accordance with state procedures and guidelines.

"There is a process that must be followed to get to where we want to be and this is how it works," he said.

The committee formed in response to a student protest in April last year, when five members of the living wage coalition protested in Hurley's office.

The committee met several times and made several recommendations to increase workers' pay.

One of the recommendations involved giving holiday bonuses to the workers, and it was tabled because of fairness issues, according to a memorandum Anderson sent to the committee last year.

"I always felt confident that we'd have some kind of acceptable solution," Hurley said. "I'm happy that we're at this point and we can focus on other issues facing the institution."

Parking Lot Coming, Practice Field Going

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the team will practice once the lot is constructed.

"More athletic teams will have to compromise their practice schedules and fields to accommodate for everyone else," Castellani said.

According to sophomore women's lacrosse player Kaitlyn Barker, the women's lacrosse team uses the field two or three days a week.

They share the field with the men's lacrosse team, and alternate practice days. For instance, the women's team will use the field Monday, Wednesday and Friday while the men's team will have it Tuesday and Thursday. The next week the teams will switch their times.

Barker was not in favor of the parking lot.

"I think that it is totally unnecessary to make that field into a parking lot," she said. "The alumni center already has enough parking and also that is the only field that off-season athletes are able to use. It is the only

field available to us—there are no other options."

Additional space to practice on campus grounds is limited. There is currently no alternative field or space available to accommodate another practice field.

However, the lot should help solve the lack of parking, according to Hegmann.

"Parking for 'sporting events' has become a monumental problem, so hopefully these additional spaces should help," said Edward Hegmann, athletic director. "There is a definite lack of space for spectator parking."

The question that remains is, Will the parking lot prove useful at the expense of taking away the field?

"I understand that need to open up more parking spots for the indoor tennis facility, but as of right now, it doesn't seem like the spots they already have are even close to be full," Castellani said.

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Editorial

Will He See His Shadow?

This Groundhog Day, a little furry fellow known as Punxsutawney Phil will pop out of his burrow, Gobbler's Knob, and maybe, just maybe, see his shadow.

Rumor has it that if Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, prepare for an early spring.

Phil hibernates like any regular groundhog, except he is cared for by a group of local dignitaries. The inner circle is responsible for carrying on the annual February Groundhog Day tradition.

Like the town of Punxsutawney, Penn., the University of Mary Washington has an enigmatic figure among its ranks: President William M. Anderson.

Like Phil, our president has his own burrow (George Washington Hall) as well as his own inner circle (the Board of Visitors).

In addition, Phil gets his own scribe to keep track of his living history; President Anderson has a UMW historian.

It is here that the comparison between the two public figures is uncanny: Phil's scribe is named none other than Bill Anderson.

With these thoughts in mind, the difference between the two is a bit unfortunate. Phil ventures out in front of the world to make a call on the weather while UMW doesn't get to see much of its outgoing leader.

A dirt burrow in central Pennsylvania probably doesn't have the great amenities that GW Hall and Brompton provide. It's no wonder that Phil wants out of his hole come February and President Anderson prefers the indoors.

Yet, Phil's home extends beyond the burrow. His fans (and natural foes) live in the community of Punxsutawney, and they are more than eager to see him.

The same is true here at Mary Washington.

President Anderson has his supporters and critics here on campus, but all would probably welcome seeing him around a little more often.

As the head of the University, he probably has less time on his hands than a groundhog, but taking a break from work could be a social indulgence.

This Groundhog Day, we may not know if Punxsutawney Phil will really see his shadow, but we truly hope President Anderson ventures out more to see his.

Phil wouldn't know, if he didn't try.



Cartoon by Tori Scott

Giving Hope To Honduras

By KATIE MACEWEN
Guest Columnist

Seventy-two percent of the Honduran population lives in poverty. Fifty percent of the population is under the age of 15.

And, with poverty as the main cause of childhood deaths in developing countries, the young people of Honduras are desperate for aid. But facts are just little black marks - meaningless, until you meet Marisol and Chico and Maria and Norma - the people behind the statistics.

I had the opportunity to meet some of these exceptional people when I spent a week in the Honduran city El Progreso in December with six other students.

We helped out at the Copprome orphanage and some of the other villages surrounding the city. Senior Shin Fujiyama organized the trip, and with the combined effort of some of the group members and supporters in the Human Rights Club, we distributed over 1,000 Christmas presents to children who had never received any before.

In January, the Campus Christian Community went back and continued the necessary contact work, buying wire needed for the sustenance farming in Siete de Abril.

Growing up is always hard, but growing up in extreme poverty is worse.

It's wanting to play and having to work. It's loving your parents and hating them for abandoning you. It's loving your siblings and losing them and finding the streets and the sweet refuge drugs offer. It's wanting to go to school so that someday you may escape the cycle of dreary jobs and early pregnancies. It's getting sick and



Photos courtesy of Katie MacEwen

University of Mary Washington students Nick Winborne, Lauren Hughes and Katie MacEwen sit with Maria, a child from the Copprome orphanage. The students traveled to Honduras over winter break to bring gifts and supplies to the people there.

never getting better. It's life without shoes or sanitation. It's looking for a place to call home and finding nothing and no one. It's having dreams and ambitions and responsibilities and AIDS.

Yet they're still there, on the streets, in the shums and the orphanages - the daughters and sons of El Progreso.

They are resilient in their suffering because that's the only way to survive.

Merlin dreams of becoming an architect, yet reality tells him that orphans with epilepsy don't succeed, even if they're as charming as he is.

Oscar works six days of the week, at the orphanage he grew up in, depending on donations that send him to night classes at the local university.

Carolina cries when she is forced to leave the orphanage, her safe haven. The

street children of Pro Niño are overjoyed when they receive presents.

Their stories are as diverse as their characters, yet their lives are always complicated. Life is always complicated, whether you are a 20-year-old middle class American college student or a 5-year-old Honduran orphan.

If nothing else, we share with each other the intricacies of existence. We support each other as we reach out to help.

What I hope is this: that you are compelled to learn more, to do something.

As I stood in the village on my last visit there, watching as children shouted and danced because they had toys, I asked an old woman who lived there what she thought. I was nervous that we had invaded their land, fearing that she might perceive me as the stereotypical American, ignorant and blundering.

Yet she smiled and clasped her hands together. She told me that although there were many places poorer, she was happy and thankful to God that we were there.

Katie MacEwen is a freshman.

"A Hope For Copprome," a film about the orphanage, will premiere at the Student Film Festival on February 17.



Children from the village of Siete de Abril smile at Katie MacEwen's camera during the Human Rights Club's visit to Honduras.

Not All Hearts And Roses

Katie MacEwen

Valentine's Day pet poebs:

Flowers, the candy, the Hallmark

card. I understood that the annual barrage of flowers and candy is a necessary evil of our two-market society. But it's everywhere, everywhere as that Singles Awareness Day is coming, like a plague of locusts.

For late couples:

I guess that y'all found each other. No, but, show the love somewhere else. Go to the V-Day FDA. And something about this holiday that just seems so... bizarre behaviors in... couples who sit on the same side of the bed... dinner for two. How... the holiday... them.

3) Songs about love:

Maybe this isn't entirely Valentine's Day-specific, but the songs seem amplified around this holiday. Ever heard "Living on Love" by Alan Jackson? Yeah, that part about "without somebody, nothin' ain't worth a dime" is 100 percent untrue. There are plenty of us out there who are doing just fine without the other half.

4) The cold weather:

Freezing February weather makes everything worse, and Feb. 14 is going to be cold and nasty, no matter what Punxsutawney Phil said today. Maybe after I scrape the ice off my cold, frozen car, I'll try to scrape the ice off my cold, frozen heart.

5) The sheer irony of it all:

More than 60 percent of people who get married end up getting divorced. The happy college couples won't last. So there's a holiday devoted to celebrating love, which could perhaps be the biggest joke, if not in the entire

world, at least in America? OK. Drink down that champagne and eat the heart candies that taste like sidewalk chalk. You'll want to remember the happy times when you're paying alimony a few years down the road.

OK, I'll say something nice:

While I'll never wear rose-colored glasses (especially because that would mean wearing pink in Valentine's season), there's a bright side for single people. It's a chance for you to remind your friends and family that you love them. And rather than feel like a single pariah, why not celebrate your independence?

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Defense attorney Beverly Haney said the Doritos had nothing to do with the altercation.

Haney attributes Fischer's actions to a "break from reality" brought on by a combination of stress over final exams, lack of sleep, and the possible interaction of alcohol and medications that he had been prescribed for depression and ADHD.

Despite the fact that Fischer faces a cumulative total of six and-a-half years in prison if he violates the terms of this intensive probation, Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Sharp told The Free Lance-Star that Scott's decision was "woefully inadequate."

Regional manager for probation and parole Vincent Combs said that criminals under intensive supervised probation are very closely monitored.

Combs, who is responsible for state prisoners in the Fredericksburg area said that under intensive probation Fischer will have to meet with a probation officer on a weekly basis, and possibly be subjected to drug testing in addition to sporadic check-ins by his probation officer at home, school, and at work.

Fischer, who spent his 21st birthday in nearby Rappahannock Regional Jail following his Jan. 17 sentencing hearing in Fredericksburg Circuit Court is also being held accountable for James' out-of-pocket medical expenses. He has paid the James family \$3,100 to date.



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Ask
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What is that foul smell coming from the North end of campus? Seriously, it smells like something died.

It's really going to be OK.

We checked it out and there's actually a simple answer for the smell.

It's kind of funny, really.

Sewage.

That's right, you smell sewage.

Yum.

We ran your question by John Wiltenmuth, vice president for facilities services, and he told us that there's a sewer line that follows the creek running through campus.

But fear not.

Wiltenmuth stressed the fact that this was "sanitary sewage."

He went on to explain that sanitary sewers carry waste water from bathrooms, washing machines and other such facilities that are directed to the local waste water treatment facilities.

Oh. Well, all righty then.

Why can we smell the sewage?

In case you haven't noticed, there are at least four vents in the ground around the area in front of Goolrick and Jepson Halls.

Wiltenmuth said the vents in the manhole lids are intended to allow sewer gasses to escape.

Wind direction, speed and temperature variation between inside the pipes and outside all cause variation in the extent to which the odors are noticed.

So we guess if we were to think this through, it's actually all of our faults that we have the smell in the first place.

We wash our clothing.

(Well...some of us do. Teller doesn't very often, but Tait only wears her jeans once before they go in the washing machine. Blame Tait for the smell. But we digress.)

We eat food, which then runs its natural course.

So until society can come to the point where we no longer have any need for washing machines and toilets, we're going to have to deal with the sweet smell of sewage on the north side of campus.

OK, we know, that's disgusting.

So here's the moment you've all been waiting for.

Bottom line: Hold your nose when you walk by.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bulletin's news editors.

Code May Change

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the transcript, we are saying that students can engage in certain level of cheating with very little negative ramifications," the motion said.

Davidson said while he was in favor of letting the students decide on the issue, it was appropriate to "express sentiments to the board of visitors and students."

The amendments were proposed by the Honor Constitution Review Committee, which formed in 2003.

Galen deGraff, a member of the committee and faculty senate member, said the new amendment was appropriate because there are five possible sanctions for an honor violation, but on the transcript, there is no distinction between sanctions.

"If a student fails to cite a sentence, that's one thing," deGraff said. "If he plagiarizes a paper, that's another."

DeGraff also serves as the convener of faculty advisers to the Honor Council.

Rosemary Barra, interim vice president for academic affairs and dean of students,

also reported to the faculty senate where offices would be placed during renovation of Lee Hall, scheduled to begin this summer.

What Barra called the "meet-and-greet" part of the admissions department will move to Trinkle 106 A, currently a study room.

The rest of admissions will move to a temporary facility next to Hamlet House, and Vice President for Enrollment Martin Wilder's office will move into Hamlet House.

Another temporary facility will be set up in front of Westmoreland Hall, and this will house the health center, psychological service, the bookstore and Honor Council and Judicial Review Board offices.

Campus Police will move to Brent House and informational technology departments are currently looking for off-campus space.

Barra said one of the temporary facilities could stay for about 10 years, but both she and John Morello, associate vice president for academic affairs, said the facilities would not be unattractive.

Wages Will Go Up

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have been performing the higher level duties for some time," according to a campus-wide e-mail.

McGowan said he was skeptical about the way this would work—that evaluations may allow for "only so many people" to move up, whereas many of the groundsworkers have been at the University for several years.

The committee recommendations called for immediate adjustments, but Hurley said they will happen following a review in accordance with state procedures and guidelines.

"There is a process that must be followed to get to where we want to be and this is how it works," he said.

The committee formed in response to a student protest in April last year, when five members of the living wage coalition protested in Hurley's office.

The committee met several times and made several recommendations to increase workers' pay.

One of the recommendations involved giving holiday bonuses to the workers, and it was tabled because of fairness issues, according to a memorandum Anderson sent to the committee last year.

"I always felt confident that we'd have some kind of acceptable solution," Hurley said. "I'm happy that we're at this point and we can focus on other issues facing the institution."

Parking Lot Coming, Practice Field Going

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the team will practice once the lot is constructed.

"More athletic teams will have to compromise their practice schedules and fields to accommodate for everyone else," Castellani said.

According to sophomore women's lacrosse player Kaitlyn Barker, the women's lacrosse team uses the field two or three days a week. They share the field with the men's lacrosse team, and alternate practice days. For instance, the women's team will use the field Monday, Wednesday and Friday while the men's team will have it Tuesday and Thursday. The next week the teams will switch their times.

Barker was not in favor of the parking lot.

"I think that it is totally unnecessary to make that field into a parking lot," she said. "The alumni center already has enough parking and also that is the only field that off-season athletes are able to use. It is the only

field available to us—there are no other options."

Additional space to practice on campus grounds is limited. There is currently no alternative field or space available to accommodate another practice field.

However, the lot should help solve the lack of parking, according to Hegmann.

"Parking for 'sporting events' has become a monumental problem, so hopefully these additional spaces should help," said Edward Hegmann, athletic director. "There is a definite lack of space for spectator parking."

The question that remains is, Will the parking lot prove useful at the expense of taking away the field?

"I understand that need to open up more parking spots for the indoor tennis facility, but as of right now, it doesn't seem like the spots they already have are even close to be full," Castellani said.

UMW Student Facing Charges

By **STEPHANIE TAIT**
News Editor

Police arrested Joseph Young, a 23-year-old commuter student, and charged him with a class I misdemeanor of peeping into a dwelling.

Young is accused of peeping into a shower in the women's locker room of Goolrick Hall.

An 18-year-old female resident of Russell Hall reported to police that a male walked into

Student Sentenced To Six Months' Jail Time For Assault, Battery

By **KATY BURNELL**
Assistant News Editor

A former Mary Washington student who struck a fellow student in the head with a baseball bat at an off-campus party was recently sentenced to six months in jail.

Joseph Y. Fischer pleaded guilty to charges of malicious wounding and assault and battery stemming from an unprovoked attack he made on Benjamin James on Dec. 10, 2004, that left the victim unable to return to Mary Washington for the following semester.

James said he still feels the negative effects of the concussion he received when Fischer struck him repeatedly in the head with a bat during a party at Fischer's former residence in downtown Fredericksburg.

Although Fischer's six-month sentence falls over a year and a half short of the recommended state guidelines for felony convictions, Judge John W. Scott Jr. ordered the Timonium, Md., native to 10 years of intensive supervised probation in addition to jail time.

Fredericksburg police originally reported that the dispute between James and Fischer was sparked over a bag of potato chips, according to police spokesman Jim Shellsboro.

"Kids at the party told the officers that arrived on scene that Fischer was mad at someone for eating his chips," Shellsboro said.

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Editorial

Will He See His Shadow?

This Groundhog Day, a little furry fellow known as Punxsutawney Phil will pop out of his burrow, Gobbler's Knob, and maybe, just maybe, see his shadow.

Rumor has it that if Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If not, prepare for an early spring.

Phil hibernates like any regular groundhog, except he is cared for by a group of local dignitaries. The inner circle is responsible for carrying on the annual February Groundhog Day tradition.

Like the town of Punxsutawney, Penn., the University of Mary Washington has an enigmatic figure among its ranks: President William M. Anderson.

Like Phil, our president has his own burrow (George Washington Hall) as well as his own inner circle (the Board of Visitors).

In addition, Phil gets his own scribe to keep track of his living history; President Anderson has a UMW historian.

It is here that the comparison between the two public figures is uncanny: Phil's scribe is named none other than Bill Anderson.

With these thoughts in mind, the difference between the two is a bit unfortunate. Phil ventures out in front of the world to make a call on the weather while UMW doesn't get to see much of its outgoing leader.

A dirt burrow in central Pennsylvania probably doesn't have the great amenities that GW Hall and Brompton provide. It's no wonder that Phil wants out of his hole come February and President Anderson prefers the indoors.

Yet, Phil's home extends beyond the burrow. His fans (and natural foes) live in the community of Punxsutawney, and they are more than eager to see him.

The same is true here at Mary Washington.

President Anderson has his supporters and critics here on campus, but all would probably welcome seeing him around a little more often.

As the head of the University, he probably has less time on his hands than a groundhog, but taking a break from work could be a social indulgence.

This Groundhog Day, we may not know if Punxsutawney Phil will really see his shadow, but we truly hope President Anderson ventures out more to see his.

Phil wouldn't know, if he didn't try.



Cartoon by Tori Scott

Giving Hope To Honduras

By KATIE MACEWEN
Guest Columnist

Seventy-two percent of the Honduran population lives in poverty. Fifty percent of the population is under the age of 15.

And, with poverty as the main cause of childhood deaths in developing countries, the young people of Honduras are desperate for aid. But facts are just little black marks - meaningless, until you meet Marisol and Chico and Maria and Norma - the people behind the statistics.

I had the opportunity to meet some of these exceptional people when I spent a week in the Honduran city El Progreso in December with six other students.

We helped out at the Copprome orphanage and some of the other villages surrounding the city. Senior Shin Fujiyama organized the trip, and with the combined effort of some of the group members and supporters in the Human Rights Club, we distributed over 1,000 Christmas presents to children who had never received any before.

In January, the Campus Christian Community went back and continued the necessary contact work, buying wire needed for the sustenance farming in Siete de Abril.

Growing up is always hard, but growing up in extreme poverty is worse.

It's wanting to play and having to work. It's loving your parents and hating them for abandoning you. It's loving your siblings and losing them and finding the streets and the sweet refuge drugs offer. It's wanting to go to school so that someday you may escape the cycle of dreary jobs and early pregnancies. It's getting sick and



Photos courtesy of Katie MacEwen

University of Mary Washington students Nick Winborne, Lauren Hughes and Katie MacEwen sit with Maria, a child from the Copprome orphanage. The students traveled to Honduras over winter break to bring gifts and supplies to the people there.

never getting better. It's life without shoes or sanitation. It's looking for a place to call home and finding nothing and no one. It's having dreams and ambitions and responsibilities and AIDS.

Yet they're still there, on the streets, in the slums and the orphanages - the daughters and sons of El Progreso. They are resilient in their suffering because that's the only way to survive.

Merlin dreams of becoming an architect, yet reality tells him that orphans with epilepsy don't succeed, even if they're as charming as he is.

Oscar works six days of the week, at the orphanage he grew up in, depending on donations that send him to night classes at the local university.

Carolina cries when she is forced to leave the orphanage, her safe haven. The

street children of Pro Niño are overjoyed when they receive presents.

Their stories are as diverse as their characters, yet their lives are always complicated. Life is always complicated, whether you are a 20-year-old middle class American college student or a 5-year-old Honduran orphan.

If nothing else, we share with each other the intricacies of existence. We support each other as we reach out to help.

What I hope is this: that you are compelled to learn more, to do something.

As I stood in the village on my last visit there, watching as children shouted and danced because they had toys, I asked an old woman who lived there what she thought. I was nervous that we had invaded their land, fearing that she might perceive me as the stereotypical American, ignorant and blundering.

Yet she smiled and clasped her hands together. She told me that although there were many places poorer, she was happy and thankful to God that we were there.

Katie MacEwen is a freshman.

"A Hope For Copprome," a film about the orphanage, will premiere at the Student Film Festival on February 17.



Children from the village of Siete de Abril smile at Katie MacEwen's camera during the Human Rights Club's visit to Honduras.

It's Not All Hearts And Roses

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

Top five Valentine's Day pet peeves:
1) The flowers, the candy, the Hallmark holiday.

I understand that the annual barrage of flowers and candy is a necessary evil of our free-market society. But it's everywhere, reminding us that Singles Awareness Day is coming, like a plague of locusts.

2) The cute couples:

It's great that y'all found each other. No, really. But... show the love somewhere else. No one needs to see the V-Day PDA. And there's something about this holiday that just brings out some really bizarre behaviors in people, like couples who sit on the same side of a booth on their romantic dinner for two. How weird. Do you go to the bathroom together, too?

3) Songs about love:

Maybe this isn't entirely Valentine's Day-specific, but the songs seem amplified around this holiday. Ever heard "Living on Love" by Alan Jackson? Yeah, that part about "Without somebody, nothin' ain't worth a dime" is 100 percent untrue. There are plenty of us out there who are doing just fine without the other half.

4) The cold weather:

Freezing February weather makes everything worse, and Feb. 14 is going to be cold and nasty, no matter what Punxsutawney Phil said today. Maybe after I scrape the ice off my cold, frozen car, I'll try to scrape the ice off my cold, frozen heart.

5) The sheer irony of it all:

More than 60 percent of people who get married end up getting divorced. The happy college couples won't last. So there's a holiday devoted to celebrating love, which could perhaps be the biggest joke, if not in the entire

world, at least in America? OK. Drink down that champagne and eat the heart candies that taste like sidewalk chalk. You'll want to remember the happy times when you're paying alimony a few years down the road.

OK, I'll say something nice:

While I'll never wear rose-colored glasses (especially because that would mean wearing pink in Valentine's season), there's a bright side for single people. It's a chance for you to remind your friends and family that you love them. And rather than feel like a single pariah, why not celebrate your independence?

Katie Teller is a senior.



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Features

UMW Brothers Play For The Love Of Basketball

By JENICA SEMLER
Staff Writer

Aug. 24, 2005: a legacy continued when Kiernan and Gaelan Whitworth set foot on University of Mary Washington's campus, as residence halls opened for freshman and transfer students.

In coming to the University of Mary Washington the brothers were following in the footsteps of their mother, Kathryn Whitworth who attended UMW for one year, and their older brother, Dane Whitworth, 2005 alumnus.

Freshman Kiernan, 6'6", and sophomore transfer Gaelan, 6'3", both alumni of West Springfield High School in Northern Virginia, came for "the opportunity to play college basketball" while they get their education.

Since their arrival they've been a positive driving force on campus and for the men's team.

"Everything they do they try to do it to the max," said teammate Matt Treacy. "They're both very motivated. Some people don't realize how much of a commitment it is to play in college - especially under Coach Wood."

The hours the boys spend practicing with the team is evident at home basketball games.

"[Coach Wood] is more driven than any coach we've ever had," Kiernan said. "Doing things 'to the max' makes us part of the community because every time I step on the court I try to represent the school to the best of my ability."

Kiernan and Gaelan have always played the same position, forward, but Kiernan is more of a perimeter player.

"I look to Gaelan to help me through when I don't want to

practice or am having a rough time because he is doing everything that I am with a chronic back problem," Kiernan said. "It makes everything much harder for him."

Off the court, the brothers are adjusting to their new lives at the University.

Their mother, alumna of Mary Washington, stays involved in her sons' lives.

"She calls like 10 times a day," Gaelan said. "She doesn't miss a game."

Gaelan transferred to UMW from Radford University, where he played Rugby.

"I came here because Kiernan came here," Gaelan said.

He recently switched his major from psychology to historic preservation.

"I was always interested in architecture and that's the closest related field," Gaelan said.

He bought a banjo that he wants to learn to play.

"I had some extra money and didn't want to end up watching TV all the time so its something else to spend time doing," Gaelan said.

Teammate Justin Baker has known Kiernan and Gaelan since ninth grade.

"Gaelan is more reserved while Kiernan is really laid back. But

they're both pretty aggressive on the court," Baker said.

The Kiernan analyzes how they each face pressures on the court.

"Gaelan takes loss and failure harder than I would. I try and let things roll off of my back," Kiernan said.

Kiernan has not chosen a major yet, yet his favorite class at the moment is accounting with Professor Hubbard.

"Because he incorporates humor in his lectures," Kiernan said.

Comedic relief is one of

Kiernan's personality traits, which makes him all the more enjoyable to his peers.

"After a win you've always got to celebrate and those are the guys to go to when you want to celebrate," Baker said.

According to the brothers, the basketball

team's bus rides to games are the best place to reflect and relax before a big game.

"We're fans of relaxation," Kiernan said.

Gaelan recalls a recent bus ride their team took with the UMW girls basketball team.

"When we rode with the girls they made us watch 20 episodes of Saved by the Bell," Gaelan said. "It was excruciating."

The boys were

also forced to watch the ballet movie Center Stage.

"Nothing gets you hyped up like Center Stage," Gaelan said.

During winter break the men's team took a trip to Las Vegas from Dec 18-23.

"We got a chance to play top ranked teams in the nation so if we make it to the tournament we have experience with these higher caliber teams," Gaelan said.

Right now, the brothers share the goal of winning the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) tournament and going to the NCAA tournament.

"It helps the team when lots of people show up during conference games," Kiernan said. They sighted the need for team improvement in the fourth quarter, in order to consistently come up with the win at the end.

After Christmas on Dec. 29, the Eagles came back to the University to train and were together for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and practice two times a day.

This gave the Whitworth brothers a chance to bond with their teammates.

"They're just the sort of guys you want to be around," Treacy said. "There's nothing negative about them."

Kiernan and Gaelan have been playing basketball and other sports together for the past ten years.

"I notice the chemistry they have being that they are brothers and grew up together," E.J. Anderson said.

The brother's admiration for one another is clear.

"I always notice when one of them is in the game, the other one is their biggest fan on the bench, standing up after each play they made and cheering," men's basketball manager Matt Rock said.

Upcoming Home Men's Basketball Games
2/4 vs. Gallaudet University 2 p.m.
2/8 vs. Goucher College 8 p.m.

Freshman Kiernan Whitworth (left) and sophomore Gaelan Whitworth are brothers on the UMW Men's Basketball team. They have been playing basketball together for the past ten years.

UMW Washroom Cleans Up For A New Semester

By ANDREA CHRISTIE
Staff Writer

As senior Andrew Hebble and sophomore Stan Kennedy began their pool game last Tuesday in the Washroom, dozens of students looked on to see who would take the title of UMW pool champion and take home the prize-an iPod nano.

Kennedy and Hebble were just two of the 66 UMW students who took part in the tournament night for the grand re-opening of the newly renovated Washroom at the Campus Center.

"It was a friendly, laid-back atmosphere," Kennedy said, who came in second place in the pool tournament. "Everyone who played was very good sport, which made the whole thing a really good time."

In the array of tournaments sponsored by Student Activities and Campus Recreation, 22 students participated in the pool tournament and 27 and 17 for ping-pong and air hockey, respectively.

"We had about twice as many people as we did for the tournament we held last year," said senior Kevin Hoy, campus recreation official. "I personally think the new Washroom has a nice feel to it and the participants really seemed to enjoy themselves."

The recent tournament was just the first of many events scheduled to take place in the newly renovated Washroom, according to Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Bernard Chirico.

He hopes to have a Super Bowl event at the location as well.

"What I kept hearing was the need

to have a space, unlike what we ended up with and that the Washroom really wasn't attractive," Chirico said. "It really wasn't a place that people liked to go to kick back. And I have to say, I agreed with them."

The renovations include new couches, tables, chairs, flooring and paint to coordinate with the green and purple color scheme chosen by the project team which included Chirico; Tami Goodstein, director of student activities and community services; Brienne Meagher, assistant director of student activities and community services; and Susan Worrell, director of AEC operations.

"The vision we had was to make the Washroom much more comfortable and casual," Meagher said. "We wanted to remove the institutional look that it had before with the white tile floors and wooden furniture."

Renovations began on the Washroom during winter break after

a semester of planning and approval of the \$100,000 budget from auxiliary funds. Most of the work was done by Facilities Services.

The short time frame for planning and execution of the renovations were challenges Chirico and his team worked hard to accomplish.

"I put them on a really tight deadline. I said, 'You know, wouldn't it be kind of nice to be able to surprise the students when they come back? If there is any way, I want to see you accomplish this over winter break'," Chirico said. "And they did it. Everybody pulled together."

Along with a new décor for the Washroom, new televisions and game tables attract many students to the new hangout spot.

"I think it's one of the smartest things the University has ever done, but that's just because I'm here all the time," sophomore Nicole Cuerie said. "It definitely looks a lot better in here although the furniture isn't that comfortable, but the TVs are nice."

For freshman Carla Medina, she has already seen a huge difference in the number of students in the Washroom due to the change in atmosphere.

"The first weekend [of fall semester] I came in here. I didn't realize that not that many people hung out here, but it wasn't very inviting and the shapes on the walls looked like they didn't have enough paint to fill them in," Medina said. "Now I can see a lot of people coming in here to hang out especially during lunch."

Chirico said that the Washroom renovations are just another

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To vodka.



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The Washroom Gets A New Look

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step in the many renovations of the Campus Center. With changes to the Eagle's Nest and Washroom nearly complete, Chirico hopes to finish with updates to the hallway and entrance of the Campus Center.

"I want to create a café kind of idea in the hallway up against the glass there. Just as if you were sitting at Hyperion outside," he said. "Also the entrance to the Campus Center. I'm not sure yet what we'll do, but something with color, school spirit and that is inviting. Right now you walk in and it's kind of 'eeeyyyy'."

According to Chirico, the last time the Washroom was renovated was about seven

years ago. The process included input from students, faculty and administration.

"What they came up at the time, that's where people's thinking was at the time, that's where the students were," Chirico said. "And that's not unusual, about every five or six years [people's views change]."

Students seem to be pleased with the recent renovations.

"Before [the renovations] there were some stragglers on the weekends and some people here during lunch and dinner hours, but nothing like the concentration we have now," said Eagle's Nest employee, junior Stephen George. "There are usually 20 to 30 people in here at a time. We have to kick people out at closing."



Russel Howey/Bullet

The newly renovated washroom at the Woodard Campus Center. It costs students \$1 to play pool per table, and air hockey and ping pong tables are free. Juniors Jessica Duet and Marshall Vogt sit and eat lunch in the new washroom.

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Scene

PAC Dances Toward Scholarships

By BECKY WILLGING
Staff Writer

"Hot Dancers in Dodd Aud, Saturday at 8 p.m.," read the spirit rock next to the Eagle's Nest, one of Mary Washington's most important bulletin boards, announcing the Performing Arts Club's (PAC) show "Eugenius," a compilation of 13 dance numbers with performances by 33 talented girls.

In anticipation of these hot dancers and a lively show, friends and family filled up the seats in Dodd Auditorium Saturday night for what turned out to be an extremely entertaining performance. Audience member Erin McNamara, a sophomore, was one of many who enjoyed the show.

"This show seemed different than last year's," she said. "It was really cool seeing different girls up on stage, my friends and girls that I never even knew danced. That was amazing."

The show kicked off with a shaky dance to Bruce Horn's "Rainbow's Cadillac," showing a few of the girls to be overcome by stage fright.

"I was so nervous!" said sophomore Ginny Tapscott, who performed in the first number of the night.

Nerves seemed to be an appropriate explanation, for the dances to follow were far from out of sync.

The crowd's applause grew louder and louder at the end of each performance. Each dance had something new to offer, from contemporary style to hip hop to ballet with a modern twist.

"These girls have been dancing for a very long time, some since they were three years old. They all came into the auditions knowing the kind of performance they wanted to put on," said senior Susanne Mirabello, president of the PAC.

Unfortunately, Mirabello was not seen among the talented dancers Saturday night. Recovering from a recent appendicitis, she was unable to train with her fellow dancers for the show.

"It was hard to sit out and watch all of the dancers up on stage," she said.

Mirabello is looking forward to performing in the greatly anticipated show on Apr. 1.

As seen through their successful performances, the dancers had been preparing for the big night since September. Working for an hour or so a week, the girls met at Goodrick dance studio to perfect their choreography.

To make for an even more exciting preparation period, six of the dancers were privileged to work with Baltimore Ravens' dancer and 2003 Mary Washington alumna Suzanne Lewis.



Courtesy of Taisha Kowalchuk

The Performing Arts Club performed last Saturday in Dodd Auditorium to a raving crowd.

"Suzanne was so helpful," Mirabello said. "I've known her since sixth grade, so we were able to train together. She helps clean up all of the messy details to make the dances more precise. She's a stickler for that."

The choice of music was also a huge hit with the audience, each piece ranging from rock 'n' roll, such as Radiohead and Rob Thomas, to Spanish and Russian influence and even hip-hop. The dances themselves alternated from slow and graceful numbers to fast paced ones with quicker moves, enhancing the level of excitement throughout the entirety of the show.

Each number was paired with an appropriate costume, making the performances more intriguing and entertaining. One dance, performed to Missy Elliot's "For My People," had the dancers entering the stage in hip-hop inspired outfits consisting of hats, sneakers, sweatpants and tank tops. Another more elegant dance had the girls dressed in black tutus and red sashes with red flowers in their hair.

Following several successful dance numbers was an intermission that surprised a few of the dancers. Mary Washington alumna Vikki Wilder, who participated in the dance program during her years at the college, took the stage to award scholarships for excellence in dance to two of the talented dancers.

The first scholarship, totalling \$500, was awarded to junior Anna Synnestevedt. The scholarship is in memory of Sonja Haydar, an influential choreographer for the dance program at Mary Washington who passed away in December of 2005.

"PAC is planning a memorial performance consisting of a lot of [Haydar's] choreography," said Mirabello.

The recipient of the second award proved more challenging for the judges to decide upon.

"The judges and I had a very difficult time deciding who should

receive the second scholarship, so we have decided to split it between two of the girls," said Wilder, proceeding to announce juniors Elizabeth Randall and Jessica Polledri as the winners of the shared scholarship money.

The show resumed again with more powerful dance numbers, following the same pattern of fast and slow numbers, all different from the ones performed before intermission. One of the strongest numbers was performed to "The Stage" by Mark Broussard, dedicated in the program to "all of those affected by hurricane Katrina." The song itself combined with the performance was by far the most captivating of the night, receiving the loudest applause yet.

This was the case until the last song came through the speakers and ten dancers took the stage for their final performance, all smiling as if they knew something great was about to happen. The choice of the well-known song "Proud Mary," also known as the "Rolling on the River" song, by Ike and Tina Turner, became the biggest hit of the night.

Audience members sat in their seats, faces adorned with smiles, as they watched in anticipation of the song's transition into a fast, fun, wild beat. The dancers flew into a frenzy of jumps and spins and shimmies and shakes. The audience, now dancing in their seats, was captivated. It was a proper ending to a wildly successful show.

"I thought that it went really well, we got a lot of positive feedback," Tapscott said.

McNamara agreed.

"[The show] was awesome," she said. "My favorite number was the Russian influenced dance because the choreography was really strong and it stood out from the rest. All of the dances were really great. I look forward to the next performance in the spring!"

Guitar Hero Hits The Right Notes

By ANDY DRAKE
Staff Writer

It pains me greatly to write this.

Seriously, my fingers are killing me. I've been playing Guitar Hero for hours with no end in sight. Guitar Hero is a breath of fresh air in a gaming genre that has long been stagnant.

Unlike most rhythm games, which are played with regular controllers, Guitar Hero comes packaged with a life sized guitar replete with five fret buttons, a strum button and of course a whammy bar for maximum rockage.

Unfortunately, this awesome little piece of technology comes with a price. Guitar Hero retails at most stores for \$79.99, a full \$30 more than the average new console game. That said, the overall package is an extremely nice one. Harmonix made the right choice when they picked Red Octane (makers of high-end Dance Dance Revolution dance pads) to create their guitar controllers. They are very functional as well as durable so you don't have to worry about wasting an extra \$30 on a dinky piece of plastic that will break after a few uses.

The gameplay is similar to many rhythm games with a few tricks up its sleeve. The main screen consists of a scrolling fret board with colored notes that correspond to the five different colored fret buttons on your guitar. Hitting the strum bar while holding the

correct fret button nets you points as well as popularity with the audience, but if you miss too many, the crowd won't hesitate to boo you off the stage.

If you're doing particularly well you can lift the guitar into a vertical position which makes the crowd go crazy and doubles your score. If this all sounds a little too easy, it's only because you haven't had a chance to experience the near impossibility of "Symphony of Destruction's" solo section.

The game's music is exceptional in both quality and variety. The fact that cover bands perform all of the game's licensed songs doesn't hinder their quality one bit. While some songs such as "Killer Queen" and "Cochise" don't approach the quality of the original, most of the covers are nearly indistinguishable from the real thing.

Predictably enough, most of the game's licensed music concentrates heavily on '80s and early '90s guitar rock. This may turn off some people but even if you're not a hard rock fan you should have no problem finding something that fits your taste. There's also a long list of original songs created specifically for the game, which brings the total track list to just under 50 songs.

While "Guitar Hero" probably won't turn any heads in the graphics department, it definitely does an excellent job of immersing you in the experience of being a professional rocker. Each playable character has a unique look and on-stage persona - you can even

unlock the grim reaper. You know, just in case you feel like rocking out from beyond the grave.

The stages are also unique in that you start out playing in your basement and continuously move up through bigger and bigger venues. Each venue has a great stylistic feel with lots of eye-candy like crowd surfers in the Toxic Summer Tour or the giant mechanical Norse gods doing battle in the background of The Garden.

One of the things that really sets Guitar Hero apart from its predecessors are it's smooth as butter learning curve. There are five difficulty levels available at the outset: easy, medium, hard and expert. Every song is playable on any difficulty level and the only difference between them are how many of the fret buttons are used. Easy songs only use the first three fret buttons, medium adds the fourth and it's not until you reach the Hard difficulty level that all five fret buttons are used. This, in addition to a very helpful tutorial mode, makes Guitar Hero easily the most accessible rhythm game yet.

Many people may find themselves intimidated by the game's hefty price tag or are just too embarrassed to be seen rocking out on a big plastic guitar. Despite these potential concerns, people willing to give themselves over to a game with great style, gameplay and music will find an extremely worthwhile experience. If you have any interest at all in things that are fun then you should definitely throw caution to the wind and go pick up a copy of Guitar Hero.

Thinking Out Of The Box

McAleer-Keeler's Exhibit
Opens To Great Success

By WILL COPPS
Staff Writer

Normally a pinned-down yellow swallowtail butterfly in a box would be more suited to a science lab than the university's duPont Art Gallery.

Last Thursday, however, the decorated box, along with dozens of other artistic works by Kerry McAleer-Keeler, drew an exceptionally large number of people.

"It just goes right to my heart" said Freda Vink-Brock, a former art teacher who now resides in the Fredericksburg community.

McAleer-Keeler's show, entitled "Boxed In: Recent Works by Kerry McAleer-Keeler," displayed monotypes, oils, pastels and more, but the highlights of the show were her boxes.

"What's so special about this show is it's the first show I have had recently where my box structures dominate. I have not had a show to date that has contained this many book art structures," she said.

These boxes were three-dimensional compositions of various everyday objects that McAleer-Keeler arranged to address various social issues that people experience, such as love and spirituality. While butterflies, which McAleer-Keeler views as a representation of inner spirit, were a common theme, the objects were as various as teeth, beer bottle caps and cut up books.

"The goal of my work is always to create an

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New CDs This Week

1. Matthew Shipp: "One"
 2. Warren Zevon: "Reconsider Me: The Love Songs"
 3. She Wants Revenge: "She Wants Revenge"
 4. Barry Manilow: "Greatest Songs of the Fifties"
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Top 3 Movies

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1. "Big Momma's House 2"



2. "Nanny McPhee"



3. "Underworld: Evolution"



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Who Do You Want To Win The Super Bowl?

Emily Nicotera/Bullet



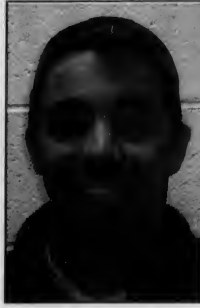
"The Steelers, because they have The Bus."

-Thomas Cogliano, Senior



"The Seahawks, because Steelers fans are annoying."

-Kalyn Perkins, Sophomore



"The Redskins, because they're awesome."

-David Rogers, Sophomore



"The Steelers, because I'm from around that area."

-Rebecca Funkhouser, Sophomore



"The Steelers, because Bettis deserves a championship before retiring."

-Ben Oliven, Freshman

Adjunct Faculty Member Exhibits Art

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emotional response from the viewer, which in turn may develop connections that assist in providing a unique universal perspective into our own personal existence and purpose here in the world," she said.

McAleer-Keeler, an adjunct faculty member at Mary Washington from 2004-2005, has clearly built up a strong local following. The draw of 178 people that came between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. for the debut show was, according to workers at the show, the largest that the gallery has seen in many months. Combine this with the fact that it was not even the only show debuting during that timeslot on campus, and the draw is extremely impressive. Live jazz music outside and the dramatic lighting inside the gallery contributed to an impressive atmosphere.

"In school, I always spent way more time on the covers of my book reports rather than the report itself," McAleer-Keeler said. Her artistic inclinations have been present throughout her life. She has worked in graphic design for her company, Unbound Designs, and for others. Her education at George Washington University in printmaking and book

arts has propelled her into a position of being a faculty member there as well as at the Corcoran College of Art and Design, where she has been teaching for the last seven years.

"It was a pleasure to work with Tom [Somma, the director of university galleries] and Lynda [Sharp, a graduate intern]," said McAleer-Keeler, on being back at Mary Washington. She also was happy to reconnect with old students and friends.

Many of the works on display are for sale, and a price list was available at the gallery during the show. Some of the works, such as McAleer-Keeler's favorite piece, "Running After Time," are not for sale. That work is about McAleer-Keeler's son, Rye, and holds a special meaning in her heart.

The swallow tail butterfly, part of the piece "Pinned Down," was held down by pins that represented different aspects of life that can weigh a person's spirit down. One of these was "repressed passions." Surely McAleer-Keeler's passion and talent for art were anything but repressed at the show.

The exhibit will be on display in UMW's duPont Gallery, on Thornton Street and College Avenue, until Feb. 10. The gallery is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.



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Senior Emily Lovins, an art history major, admires McAleer-Keeler's work.

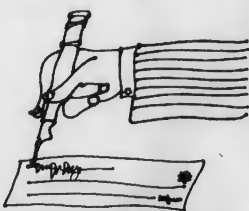
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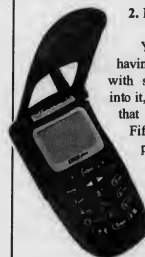
This Week:

Pet Peeves

By BETSY CRUMB
Editor in Chief

1. Any Clothing That Refers To The Fact You Think You Are A "Princess"

Honestly, are people kidding me? I'm pretty sure princess refers to royalty and I don't ever remember Lady Di wearing a pink, glittered "Princess" t-shirt that clung to her boobs. But princess clothing is only a small minority. Not to be left out are pants with other such angelic expressions written across the butt, Playboy Bunny t-shirts (please, let's contribute to the misogyny of society), and shirts with exclamations such as "Blondes do it Better."



2. Phone Etiquette

You know when you're having a great conversation with someone, you're really into it, and then all of a sudden that obnoxious Beethoven's Fifth ring busts in? The polite person silences their phone and continues onward with their discourse. But most people, in fact I'd venture to say almost 90 percent of people, aren't polite. For God's sake people, unless you're expecting an important call or unless it's from your Mom, forget about it, they'll leave a message. I'm sure what your boyfriend had to tell you can wait.

3. Organic Food

Yeah, yeah, we all know that you are trying to save the earth. But guess what? When you choose to not use pesticides, crop is wasted. Organic farming is inefficient, yielding between 20 and 50 percent fewer crops than regular farming. Not to mention, there are now twice as many people in the world in comparison to 50 years ago, yet food

availability has gone up 25 percent, 40 percent in some of the poorest areas. With millions of starving people in this world, it seems pretty selfish of you to buy something because "it tastes cleaner," when some people have nothing at all. And oh yeah, pesticides are bad for us? It's an incredibly low percent chance that you will get cancer and 99 percent of the chemicals we eat are natural. Now I know this will probably anger a lot of people, perhaps even spark some Viewpoints letters. But before you get angry, and call me an insensitive planet-wrecking jerk, check out this Web site that details a debate concerning organic food from "The Economist" (where all the above facts have come from):
http://www.thersa.org/acrobat/sams_210605.pdf

4. AIM Profile Lovers

AOL Instant Messenger is a fun chat device, that lets us either talk to people that live far away or for convenience purposes. IM is great to ask your best friend who lives on Rowe Street if she wants to go to dinner with you, or to procrastinate on when you should be doing your psych homework. However, the IM profile is not the place to remind Bobby that he's your No. 1 and you'll never forget him. I'm guessing if Bobby is in fact your No. 1, he knows it. And frankly, it's not something you need to tell me every time I stalk your profile, because I just don't care. If you love someone, tell them, don't give them a bit of cyberspace so everyone else knows.

5. Wheely Backpacks

We're in college, no one has that many books at one time. I understand that you may have back problems, and I can sympathize. So, if you must have one, don't be a sidewalk nazi and force everyone who manually carries their books on their backs (like we're supposed to) off the road. Wheel around them, knock the damn thing onto the grass, do whatever, but I'm pretty sure as a human, I have rights over inanimate objects.

News

Mercer To House Offices



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Above: Mercer Hall, which will no longer house the First-Year Experience program. The program will move to Custis Hall.

By ELLEN FERRANTE
Staff Writer

Mercer may be best known as home to a unique leadership program for freshmen (First Year Experience, Generating Opportunities for Leadership Development, or FYE GOLD), a former infirmary and for being haunted by ghosts, but starting immediately after this year's graduation, it will be transformed into a temporary office space as Lee Hall undergoes renovation.

In addition, part of Willard will be dedicated to the new FYE GOLD II program, a continuation of the

first program that is currently offered and housed in Mercer.

As a result, students are looking for housing next semester they will have different options than in years past.

With Mercer converted to office space, Custis Hall, currently open to upperclassmen, will be the new residence for the FYE GOLD I program.

Custis is about the same size as Mercer, holding approximately 40 residents where Mercer held about 50 residents.

"Overall the move to Custis will not have a great impact on the program because they are very close in size," said Lori Plants, assistant director of

residence life for Alvey, Arrington, Mercer and Willard Halls.

Additionally, Willard, currently an upperclassmen dorm will have a new special housing feature, a new program called FYE GOLD II.

"FYE GOLD II is a continuation program for the GOLD I program," Plants said in regard to this opportunity for students who previously participated in FYE. "The program is centered around students from the initial program taking on leadership roles by mentoring and facilitating the small groups of the GOLD I program."

Plants also noted how GOLD II will plan community service opportunities for GOLD I students and include a life skills education requirement. She explained how Willard was selected for the program because of its structure and that it "can house both males and females on one center floor section, which separates the community to a certain extent from the rest of the building. This will provide a sense of small community for the GOLD II students whom are already familiar with a small community from living in Mercer Hall."

Some hope this arrangement will keep the sense of community FYE participants had by living in their own dormitory of Mercer.

Current FYE participant and freshman Heather Smith said, "I think that the best thing about the FYE program has been getting to live in Mercer. It is such a small dorm that we have all gotten to know each other pretty well."

In terms of moving the program to Willard, Smith said, "I think that with the program moving to a bigger dorm, where not everyone is involved, those who participate won't notice such a defined difference in their freshman year."

However, freshman Joseph Cirenza, also a current participant of the FYE program felt that "living in Willard will be nicer because we can interact with other people and sort of blend in among the other upperclassmen."

Cirenza pointed out other changes such as living with a larger group of people than in Mercer, and observed how the sense of community will also differ.

"Because FYE is admitting only a few people from our floor and from the dorm in general, it would also be different in the sense that we will be living among people who are much more committed to the program," Cirenza said. "FYE II sort of weeds out those people who weren't interested from the get go."

In the meantime, when Mercer will not be accommodating FYE students, it will temporarily hold the Health Center and Psychological Services until the Lee Hall renovation is complete.

Honor Council and Judicial Review Board offices may possibly be situated there as well.

According to Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, Mercer was chosen to hold these offices because its "infrastructure is such that very little will need to be done to accommodate the tenants."

"In addition, it limits the impact on

the number of residential students and we needed a space that would provide the most confidentiality for those who must be in contact with the offices," Chirico added.

Lee's facelift is scheduled to begin right after graduation of this year and continue through the summer. The project will last approximately 18 months.

Chirico said the goal of the renovation is "to provide students with easier and more convenient access to a variety of services that are presently housed in various locations around campus" as well as "provide additional programming space and administrative space and update HVAC [heating, ventilation and air conditioning] systems."

Chirico detailed additional plans for the Lee renovation: a 20,000 square foot addition in the back for the Health Center, Psychological Services, Bookstore and parts of academic services, admissions and the office of financial aid. The original building will also undergo renovation and hold Multicultural Student Affairs, and parts of Academic Services, Admissions and Financial Aid.

The ballroom will provide a large and a small meeting space "with the character of the room remaining through the use of glass partitions above solid walls in order to view the wood trusses and ceiling," Chirico said.

Finally, the Underground will also receive some new additions such as a limited food service, a new stage, new types of seating and more seating availability, lighting and flooring.

Student Senate Hosts Town Hall

By CARA SCHULZ
Staff Writer

A town hall meeting was held last Friday night in order to give students an opportunity to voice their opinions in regards to the presidential search.

About 100 students gathered in the Lee Hall ballroom to participate in information sessions and open forum, which was moderated by Student Government Association Vice President and Student Senate President Grant Lahmann.

The meeting opened with brief overviews of the three candidates. Andrew Lamar, chairman of the College Republicans, discussed Risa Palm; Molly Murphy, Judicial Review Board president, covered Karen Gould; and Jarred Turner, chair of the Legislative Action Committee, discussed William Frawley.

Following the presentations, the floor opened up to the students.

"We tried to keep the focus of discussion based around issues that students might find important when thinking about the role of a president in relation to the student body," said Lahmann.

Student senate members appeared positive about the opportunity the town hall afforded students.

"I thought the student town hall was an excellent way for the students to focus on the issues that had the largest impact on them," said Student senate member Alex Fletcher. "It was nice to have a forum focused solely on the student view of things."

Evan Stepanick, also a student senate member, reacted positively as well.

"Students overall seemed to respond enthusiastically to the opportunity of having a say in regards to the future of the University," he said.

Some students felt less optimistic about the forum.

"I thought it would be interesting to hear

the impressions of those who attended the speeches of the candidates, but I knew at the same time students really had no say in the final decision," said sophomore James Schroll.



Palm

The impression with which Schroll did walk away was that two candidates were clearly preferred.

"The majority of people in attendance favored either Palm or Frawley," he said.

According to Schroll, Frawley was his favorite.

"I was impressed by the fact that he gave answers that were to the point and provided examples," he said.

The forum ended with a poll given to the students that was organized by student senators as well as other students.

According to Grant Lahmann, the students were asked to score the candidates on a 1-10 scale in relation to six issues.

First, the students rated candidates on how well they thought they would foster an environment that would encourage a diverse community among students at the University.

They also rated them on their approachability and how receptive they thought they'd be to student input on an individual level as well as to student input on a club and/or organization level.

Finally the candidates were rated on their commitment to keeping community informed of administrative changes/initiatives and their dedication to preserving Mary Washington's liberal arts education environment (i.e. faculty/student ratio, high academic standards, professors teaching classes, etc.).

"The results of the poll were tallied that night and then placed in a report that also included a brief summary and the key themes from the discussion of each candidate," Lahmann said.

The results were then sent to BOV Rector Mona Albertine, who will take the information to the board of visitors for use during the deliberation to take place this weekend, Lahmann said.

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Toys 'R' Us

By Editor in Chief Betsy Crumb
and Staff Writer Elz England,
wanton sex goddesses



With Hallmark's "love" holiday popping right up, the uncoupled may find themselves a bit left out. Betsy and Elz would like to dedicate this article to all you out there feeling lonely.

We would like to introduce the new V-Day: Vibrator Day. It's not too early to buy one-it's never premature.

Now we know most of you are pretty scared by this word, and really the whole concept behind it. There's something intimidating about walking into a store and asking for "the stuff behind the counter"-especially when it requires some double-A batteries.

There are multiple reasons to purchase this equipment; the first being no one worries that a seven- eight- nine- ?-inch piece of plastic might have knocked them up.

It's much safer on those rainy and possibly inebriated Saturday nights when you're feeling horny to employ a friend you know is STD-free.

There are a few options to finding your perfect piece of equipment. Two main tools exist: vibrators and dildos. Though there is great diversity in each category, both elicit the same result.

Your "pal"pitator aims to stimulate the clitoral region, while the dild"ohhhhhh" is meant for insertion. Everyone who's read their *Cosmo* knows that pop-sex culture delineates two types of orgasms, clitoral and g-spot.

For all you lucky gals out there who have found your happy place, you probably did so independently, given that the stereotype of guys never asking for directions doesn't apply to only driving.

If you've already found that spot or even if you're still looking, then sit back,

relax, and let the dildo set up camp.

There are many more creative toys out there, but Betsy and Elz are no sexperts. We only hope to foster your explorations. So, as such, we recommend the following:

- To buy sex toys, the best available spot in Fredericksburg is a lingerie store called Lindsay's Lace, located in the Village Shopping Center, right next to Costco on Route 3. It's a fun little place with friendly workers, but make sure you're 18 or else you can't view the pleasures behind the curtain. There's a good range of products, for all sinful delights you may have, and they run anywhere from \$15.95 to \$100.

One other spot to buy vibrators is Spencer's Gifts, located at the Spotsylvania Mall. While the products aren't aplenty, none of them are too adventurous for a beginner. Also, some are "as seen on TV," so if you're a late-night junkie, you may be familiar with them. Products here range from \$7 to \$80.

Books: All these books are available at Borders, and the titles are self-explanatory (we hope). But, if you're looking for a comprehensive manual that discusses everything from kissing, first times, auto-erotic, sex and contraceptives, then the first two listed are our top choices.

- "The Guide to Getting it On," by Paul Joannides.

- "Sex for Dummies," by Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

- "ToyGasm," by Sadie Allison.

And, hey all you guys out there, we're sorry this particular column is so v-centered. Don't be disappointed, there are toys out there for you, but Betsy and Elz are not experienced with such equipment.

Judging Attraction is Out



A Slice of Relationship Advice from Corey Byers,
associate editor and jaded observer

You're sitting there in a classroom, at lunch, at work, at the library, perhaps even on a bench by the sidewalk.

You're thinking of the one who has made you hot since, well, you can't remember.

The sound of their voice, their charming smile and even when they say something really dense just turns you on.

And when your pulse quickens at each of these moments, you know the truth-you just can't get enough.

But deep down inside, you know if anyone found out about this attraction, they would do what is quite possibly worse than being flat-out turned down by the one who causes such hormonal frustration.

They would judge.

How many times have we imposed our own values, assumptions and social pressures on the attractions of others?

This is not promoting an attraction to those under the age of consent- please don't misunderstand me.

I'm referring to adult and consensual "do-me-now" feelings of lust.

People often build up the ideal partner in their mind. They have a preconceived notion about what kind of person they want, down to physical appearance, age, values, religion, race, income and the model of over-priced Volvo they will own together after marriage.

You get the picture.

This picture is socially appropriate and man, what a bore.

That's what makes fantasies so hot,

because, in reality, if your impulses were to come to fruition, you'd be raising eyebrows, scoffed at, maybe even rejected by those around you.

And worst of all, you'd be judged.

But when someone comes along who blows our fantasy to bits, a lot of times our first instinct is to bury the feelings. Why? Because if anyone found out, what would they think?

Everyone wants to find that flawless person who is socially acceptable for friends, families and colleagues.

Too bad we don't fantasize about them- then we'd have nothing to be ashamed of.

Unfortunately, it is more acceptable in our culture to be with someone who fits a pre-set role than it is to pursue someone we're naturally attracted to.

What if you find someone you are attracted to who makes you laugh, keeps you intellectually engaged and keeps you interested? Oh, and delete socially acceptable from that list.

They are far from what you supposedly need and everything you definitely want.

You can guarantee if you spill the beans on this attraction, others will point out every fault and potential drawback to a brief or long-term stint with your number one fantasy.

If honesty is the best policy, it's unfortunate that when it comes to expressing attractions, this policy comes back to bite us in the ass.

This year, perhaps indulging the urge to pursue someone who would be traditionally labeled as "inappropriate" or "out of your league" could be fun, sexy and fulfilling.

And remember, don't judge.



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Eagle Men Defeat St. Mary's

Basketball Team Wins Second Straight, Looks Ahead To Tournament

By STEPHANIE POTTER
Staff Writer

Among the emphatic cheers from Saturday's onlookers, one could hear Eagle's Coach Ron Wood repeat a three word mantra which resounded through Gpolrick Gymnasium. "Attack! Attack! Attack!"

The University of Mary Washington men's basketball team did just that in a CAC face off with the St. Mary's Seahawks on Saturday, winning their second straight game 81-72, and advancing to 11-7 overall and 6-2 in CAC action.

UMW came out strong on offense, capitalizing on fouls and maintaining a comfortable lead well into the first half.

St. Mary's soon recovered, pulling ahead at with five minutes left in the first half and attempting to prevent a UMW comeback.

The Eagles fought hard to regain their lead, which looked eminent by halftime. UMW was 35 percent from behind the arc, but a breakaway two pointer by the Seahawk's sophomore TJ Jordan evened the score 34-34 just seconds before the buzzer.

Sophomore Justin Baker was unhappy with the foul trouble his team got into.

"I don't think it helped that two of our key players were on the bench for a large portion of the first half," he said. "In the future we hopefully will make a concerted effort to stay under control to not pick up early fouls."

UMW entered the second half determined to take back control, making their presence known with a three pointer just seconds into play.

St. Mary's sought to regain the lead but the Eagles quickly responded. Quick ball movement enabled the Eagles to slowly chip away at the score and eventually gain a substantial lead.

Thanks in large part to shooting 45 percent behind the arc in the second half, the Eagles secured an 81-72 win.

Sophomore Jon Pierce was happy with the Eagles' efforts.

"I think we played very well," he said. "We came out a little sluggish [at first] and let them keep the game close for a while. However, after half time



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Sophomore Justin Baker sets up an offensive play for the Eagles. Despite early foul trouble, UMW managed to defeat St. Mary's on Saturday, 81-72. Prior to yesterday night's game against Catholic, the Eagles were 11-7 overall and 6-2 in the CAC.

we started clicking on all cylinders and took care of business. Justin Baker and I were in foul trouble for most of the first half and junior Mike Lee got off to a cold start.

"Our role players really stepped it up and kept a slight lead for us, then, we came out hot in the second half and never looked back. Lee got hot, Mike Mattson was nailing key threes, and we ran our offense very efficiently."

Top performers in the game included Pierce, who recorded 28 points, two assists, and two steals, and Lee, who had 19 points, two assists, and two steals.

Overall, head coach Rod Wood was satisfied with his team's performance.

"Offensively we did some things in this game that we haven't done all year long," he said. "I wish that we could do it for longer periods of time, [and] I wish that we could get it sooner rather than later, but it was good that we got it."

However, Wood acknowledges several areas of improvement.

"This team has to win with its offense. We've got to outscore some people. We've got people playing out of position, we have people playing the wrong position, [and] we have people that are playing that probably shouldn't be playing that much because we have injuries and imperfections."

With the CAC and NCAA Tournaments fast approaching, UMW is beginning to focus on the final prize.

"We have a team that can beat anybody in the country. Anybody," Wood said. "With the schedule that we've played this year, we've played several of the top teams in the country. And we played them all very competitively. After the games their coaches said, 'Man you've got a good team.'"

"But on the flip side of that, because we have people out of position, because we don't have a true five man team or a true low post game, [and] because we play with all guards, we

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can lose to anyone in the country as well. We're not scoring consistently on the perimeter, and if we have some lapses defensively we can be in trouble from that standpoint. But we have a team that can beat anybody in the country."

Senior Mike Mattson agrees.

"We have the talent, the smarts and more work effort than any other team I have been a part of and that should carry us to the tournament and hopefully the championship," he said.

Baker is ready for UMW to set its sights on the ultimate goal.

"I know that this team is prepared because of the way coach Wood prepares us," he said. "It all depends on if we have the guts to win three straight at the end of the season to win the CAC."

"We've shown that we can hang with anybody and our only goal needs to be to win the conference. Second place is unacceptable. This program is at a point where it needs to take the next steps in the pursuit of ultimately an NCAA championship."

The Eagles faced Catholic University last night and hoped to improve their record to 12-7. However, the scores were not available at the time *The Bulletin* went to press.

The Eagles will look to advance in CAC standings when they host Gallaudet University Saturday at 2 p.m.

UMW Extends Perfect Streak

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Applebury said, "We stepped up and helped and they're going to kick it so we need to make sure we rotate and we were able to pick some of those passes off and force them to travel and that was something we did that really benefited us against their penetration."

The Seahawks struggled to work the perimeter and looked lost without the ability to drive. St. Mary's shot a dismal 29 percent from the floor and 12 percent from behind the arc. UMW forced several turnovers and prevented the Seahawks from pulling back into the game, winning 90-47 and preserving their perfect record yet again.

Freshmen Katy Larson and Leigh Kampman led the Eagles in their 18th win with 13 points each. Kampman also recorded 11 rebounds. Clarkin had another strong game and contributed 12 points.

Senior Jenn Olinger was proud of her team's performance.



Courtesy Clint Offen

Head coach Deena Applebury

"We had a lot of heart and we went out there and we worked hard in the first half," she said. "In the second half we kept a good pace." Despite the win, Olinger also acknowledges that there are always areas of improvement.

"We need to work on getting our game more versatile," she said. "We either shoot from the outside or shoot from the inside, we don't really have both yet. We need to even out the floor."

Applebury recognized another problem the Eagles will have to address in the near future.

"Turnovers," she said. "We've got to cut our turnovers down."

UMW will have the opportunity to do so when they face Gallaudet University Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Eagles will look for their 20th straight win against the Bison after defeating Catholic University last night, 63-61.

In a nail-biting finish Mary Washington managed to remain undefeated and is now the only Division III team in the nation with a perfect record this season.

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Sports

Eagles Destroy Seahawks

UMW Women's Basketball Wins Two More, Remains Only Undefeated Team In Division III

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Who's next?

After 18 wins and zero losses following Saturday's 90-47 blowout against St. Mary's College of Ma., the Eagles have proven they're ready for anyone.

St. Mary's stepped up to the challenge in the first five minutes of the game, going on a blazing 6-0 run and driving with ease into the paint.

The Eagles had a sloppy start, a step behind on defense and rigid on offense.

Head coach Deena Applebury acknowledged her team's initial difficulties.

"We just had to realize that we needed to have some patience against their zone defense," she said. "When teams start out in zone sometimes we have to work a little harder on offense to score because in man [defense] we tend to do a little better of a job for some reason getting open."

UMW managed to get their A-game together at just the right time, a three pointer by freshman Kaitie Clarkin igniting the Eagles and bringing them within one of the Seahawks, 9-10.

Sophomore Liz Hickey gave the Eagles a boost on the defensive end after halting a Seahawks' drive in the paint with a crushing block that sent the home fans roaring.

Hickey gave St. Mary's another dose of her dominating presence on the Seahawks next possession, serving up yet another block as the Eagles pulled ahead 21-15.

According to Hickey, UMW focused on getting to the ball on defense.

"We really worked on our help rotation and making sure that if we got beat we had other players to help," she said.

While the Eagles worked on defensive assignments they coasted on offense,

knocking down shot after shot with ease.

Late in the first half a trio of three pointers verified UMW's status as the Division III team to beat. Within three minutes Clarkin hit two from behind the arc and freshman Katy Larson contributed another to extend the Eagles' lead.

By the end of the second half UMW was in fine form, moving around on offense and making open shots around the perimeter.

The Eagles lit up the board from the arc, hitting 12 three pointers on the game at 52 percent. In the midst of a shooting frenzy on the UMW's part, St. Mary's could not even capitalize on the several fouls they managed to draw from the Eagles.

Moments of first half play could have been mistaken for football, as players from all ends dove, slid, and scrambled on the floor for possession of the ball.

St. Mary's seemed to come up empty each time, just as they did in all other aspects of the game.

The Seahawks suffered through a 29-7 UMW run, the first half coming to an end with an exclamation point when sophomore Amanda Bates got the basket and one as the buzzer sounded.

UMW came into the second half up 40-22 and showed no signs of slowing down. The game got even more physical as St. Mary's became desperate and UMW fought to defend their perfect record.

With the exception of excessive turnovers throughout the game (21 in total), the Eagles performed well on all accounts and effectively closed off St. Mary's drives into the basket.

Applebury was pleased with UMW's defensive efforts.

"[The Seahawks] like to penetrate a lot so I just told the kids we have to be able to step up and help and get the rotations down,"

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Junior Debbie Bruen attempts a shot over St. Mary's sophomore Lisa Daciek during Saturday's 90-47 win over the Seahawks. Bruen recorded four points on the game and UMW improved to 18-0 before heading to CAC rival Catholic University. The Eagles slipped past the Cardinals 63-61.

Steeler Fans Ready For Title

The time has come. After five long months of grueling week-to-week divisional battles, the end of the road has arrived.

Don Cheadle's play off advertisements are rotating in full force and Mick Jagger is rumored to have been planning a wardrobe malfunction. Yikes.

While it's strange that Tuesday's media day didn't feature the soft-spoken, sweatshirt-donned Bill Belichick or the modest, team-oriented preaching of Tom Brady (who was instead featured on Fox's latest episode of "Family Guy"), life moves on. It was hardly surprising to



By Dave Glover

hear however that the Patriots have begun preparations and defensive schematics for next season...already.

In 2006, the path to the Vince Lombardi trophy goes through the Motor City Detroit and this weekend, the Pittsburgh Steelers will face the Seattle Seahawks. This match up is interesting because it pits two fairly underrated franchises against each other for an all out fight for respect.

The Steelers flew under the radar all year. Peyton Manning's "undefeated" Colts and Tom Brady's "dynasty" were the only consistent news stories getting mainstream coverage besides the Terrell Owens soap opera.

Pittsburgh has the only quarterback to lead his team to the AFC championship in his first two seasons in the league. Even with his injuries, Ben Roethlisberger has gained the respect and the confidence which has allowed running back Willie Parker to flourish while taking some pressure off of wide receiver Hines Ward.

Pittsburgh has reeled off seven straight

victories and has looked fairly unstoppable in the playoffs. While their divisional win against the Colts had the nail-biting finish and makings of an instant classic, their dominating wins against the division champions Cincinnati Bengals and Denver Broncos were impressive and have given the terrible towel-wielding crazies plenty to look forward to in the Superbowl.

The Seahawks come into this weekend also looking for respect in a season that has seen them not only dominate the NFC with 13 regular season wins, but produce the NFL's MVP, Shaun Alexander, who rushed for 1,880 yards this year.

Matt Hasselbeck has finally been able to achieve success with the west coast offense, much to the delight of head coach Mike Holmgren, who was in danger of being fired at the start of the season.

Roethlisberger and Hasselbeck had very similar seasons at quarterback (they are ranked seventh and eighth in the league respectively). Big Ben had a passer rating of 98.6 and threw for

17 touchdowns compared to nine interceptions and Hasselbeck had a passer rating of 98.2 and threw for 24 touchdowns compared to nine interceptions.

The key to this weekend's Superbowl win comes down to a few factors. If Pittsburgh's defense, which was ranked fourth overall in the NFL this year, can contain Shaun Alexander and force Hasselbeck to make mistakes, then the Steelers will have no trouble stopping the NFC champion Seahawks, who had the luck of playing in a division with Arizona, St. Louis, and San Francisco—teams that had a combined (15-33) record for the year.

The AFC has dominated the Superbowl the last few seasons and the Steelers look like they're out to prove that there is a new team to look out for in the AFC, and its not patriotic red, white or blue.

It's yellow and black.

Final Score: Steelers 24 Seahawks 20

Upcoming Events

Feb. 4 - Men's Basketball vs. Gallaudet, 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Gallaudet, 4 p.m.

Feb. 8 - Women's Basketball vs. Goucher, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Goucher, 8 p.m.

Athlete of the Week

Junior swimmer Patricia Dilger had a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 2:26:62 in the 200 breaststroke at Saturday's meet.



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